

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

In Re:
Michael R. and Mary P. Brewer

No: DG 11-03274
Chapter 13 Proceeding
Filed: 3-28-11

Debtor.

PETITION FOR INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF FEES
FOR ATTORNEY FOR THE DEBTOR.

The Debtor's Chapter 13 Petition was filed on March 28, 2011.

Applicant is seeking compensation pursuant to 11 USC § 503(b).

The Debtors have acknowledged the need for legal representation. Keller & Almassian, PLC has agreed to provide legal services to the Debtor at the hourly rate of \$220.00 per hour for partners, James M. Keller, A. Todd Almassian and Michael D. Almassian; \$200.00 per hour for associates, Greg J. Ekdahl and James R. Oppenhuizen and \$175.00 for associate Benjamin M. White; and \$90.00 per hour for paralegals. Keller & Almassian, PLC holds in trust a retainer paid by Debtors in the amount of \$0.00.

The names of the applicant's attorneys requesting fees and hourly rates are: James M. Keller at \$220.00 per hour and Greg J. Ekdahl and James R. Oppenhuizen at \$200.00 per hour. The names of applicant's paralegals requesting fees and hourly rates are: Sarah R. Reiniche, Sarah J. Kuklewski, and Nicole Zuidema, each at \$90.00 per hour. The hourly rate has not changed from the previously disclosed rate. The applicant charges the same rates for similar services provided to non-bankruptcy clients.

This is the first application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The total fees requested are \$6,070.00; the total expenses requested are \$389.73; fees and expenses in the amount of \$3,150.00 were previously approved at confirmation; approved fees and expenses remain due in the amount of \$3,309.73.

This application is not filed less than 120 days after prior application to the Court.

Services and expenses covered by this application cover the time period from December 27, 2010 to September 7, 2011.

CASE STATUS

Debtors' Chapter 13 plan has been confirmed. The Chapter 13 payments are being made. There is no dismissal motion pending.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Attached hereto, please find the itemized time and service entries for professional and paraprofessional services rendered.

EVALUATION STANDARDS

Petitioner, the law firm of Keller & Almassian, PLC, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, respectfully represents that it has acted as Attorneys for the Debtors in the captioned proceeding; that in such capacity, it has performed the services particularly enumerated in the itemized statement of account annexed hereto and made a part of this petition; that such services have actually been rendered in aid of administration; that this petition is the petition for compensation filed by Keller & Almassian, PLC; that services provided were reasonable and necessary at the time they were rendered; and that this petition complies with all provisions of 11 USC § 330(a).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for an entry of an Order authorizing payment of additional fees and expenses set forth in said itemized statement, in the total amount of \$3,309.73 from the Chapter 13 Trustee.

Dated: September 7, 2011

/s/ Greg J. Ekdahl

By: Greg J. Ekdahl P67768
2810 E. Beltline Lane NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 364-2100

CERTIFICATION

Greg J. Ekdahl, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is a member of the law firm of KELLER & ALMASSIAN, PLC; that he has executed and now verifies the petition above described, being authorized to do so, and having knowledge of the facts; that he has read said Petition by him subscribed and believes the contents thereof to be true and accurate; that he has personally reviewed the fee application on an item by item basis and in the exercise of billing judgment believes the statement to be accurate and reasonable in light of the work performed and the results obtained. This applicant further certifies that the Debtors have been mailed a copy of the itemization of time and expenses and a proposed Order on or before the date of filing of this application. Deponent further says that no understanding exists for a division of fees between the petitioner and the Debtors and/or any other person.

/s/ Greg J. Ekdahl
Greg J. Ekdahl P-67768

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 7th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Gayle Rebecca Greeley
Gayle Rebecca Greeley
Notary Public, Ottawa County
Acting in the County of Kent
My Commission Expires: July 13, 2013.

SUMMARY SHEET

In Re: No: DG 11-03274
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 Debtors.

Fees Previously Requested: \$ 0.00
 Fees Previously Awarded: \$ 3,150.00

Expenses Previously Requested: \$ 0.00
 Expenses Previously Awarded: \$ 0.00
 Retainer Paid: \$ 0.00

Name of Applicant: KELLER & ALMASSIAN, PLC
 Role in Case: Attorneys for Debtors

Current Application: Fees Requested: \$ 2,920.00
 Expenses Requested: \$ 389.73

FEE APPLICATION

	Year Admitted To Practice	Hours Billed	Rate	Total for Application
<u>PARTNERS:</u>				
James M. Keller	1984	0.9	\$220.00/Hr.	\$ 198.00
A. Todd Almassian	1996	0.0	\$220.00/Hr.	\$ 0.00
Michael D. Almassian	2001	0.0	\$220.00/Hr.	\$ 0.00
<u>ASSOCIATES:</u>				
Greg J. Ekdahl	2004	21.4	\$200.00/Hr.	\$ 4,280.00
James R. Oppenhuizen	2005	1.3	\$200.00/Hr.	\$ 260.00
Benjamin M. White	2008	0.0	\$175.00/Hr.	\$ 0.00
<u>PARALEGALS:</u>				
Sarah R. Reiniche		6.6	\$ 90.00/Hr.	\$ 594.00
Sarah J. Kuklewski		0.2	\$ 90.00/Hr.	\$ 18.00
Nicole M. Zuidema		8.0	\$ 90.00/Hr.	\$ 720.00
TOTAL HOURS BILLED: 23.6 Hours (Excluding Paraprofessionals)		TOTAL BLENDED HOURS: \$200.76 (Excluding Paraprofessionals)		

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ITEMIZATION OF EXPENSES

03/23/11	CHAPTER 13 FILING FEE	274.00
03/23/11	GREENPATH DEBT SOLUTIONS - Bankruptcy Services Briefing/Education Materials	50.00
03/29/11	Photocopies	5.40
03/29/11	Postage	11.88
04/29/11	PACER CHARGES	4.56
05/13/11	Postage	0.64
05/16/11	Photocopies	22.20
05/16/11	Postage	16.28
05/27/11	PACER CHARGES	2.96
07/07/11	Photocopies	1.20
07/07/11	Postage	0.61

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Expenses as Itemized: \$389.73

Attorney and Paralegal Hours:

JMK 0.9Hours
GJE 21.4Hours
JRO 1.3 Hours
SRR 6.6 Hours
SJK 0.2Hours
NMZ 8.0Hours

TOTAL HOURS: 38.40

Fees Requested: \$6,070.00

Expenses Requested: + \$ 389.73

Total Fees and Expenses = \$6,459.73

Less Fees and Expenses Approved At Confirmation - \$3,150.00

TOTAL FEES AND EXPENSES REQUESTED = \$3,309.73

Rate of Attorneys and Paralegals at time of filing:

JMK \$220.00 per hour
GJE \$200.00 per hour
JRO \$200.00 per hour
SRR \$90.00 per hour
SJK \$90.00 per hour
NMZ \$90.00 per hour